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SUMMARY

Tuong Vu is Professor and Department Head, Department of Political Science, at the University of Oregon, where he has worked since 2008. He has held visiting appointments at Princeton University and the National University of Singapore. He is the founder and director of the US-Vietnam Research Center also based at the University of Oregon. His research has focused on the comparative politics of state formation, development, and revolutions in East and Southeast Asia. He is the author or co-editor of 8 books and 30 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Oregon - Department of Political Science

Department Head (2020-2023)

Professor (since 2016)

Associate Professor (2011-2016)

Assistant Professor (2008-2011)

Princeton University – Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies

Democracy and Development Visiting Research Fellow (2011-2012)

National University of Singapore - Asia Research Institute

Visiting Fellow (2007-2008)

Naval Postgraduate School - Department of National Security Affairs

Assistant Professor (Fall 2004-Summer 2007)

Smith College - Department of Government

Mendenhall Fellow (July 2003-June 2004)

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley: Ph.D., Political Science

Princeton University: M.P.A., Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities: B.A. *Summa Cum Laude*, Political Science

University of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam: B.A., English

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

US-Vietnam Research Center, Global Studies Institute, U of Oregon: Founding Director (since 2019)

International Journal of Asian Studies (Tokyo) – Editorial Board member (since 2020)

Journal of East Asian Studies -- Editorial Board member (since 2020)

College of Arts and Sciences: Dean's Advisory Committee (2017-18, 2018-19, chair)

Oregon Consortium for International and Area Studies, U of Oregon – Director (2016-2018)

Asian Studies Program, U of Oregon – Advisory Board member (since 2013), Interim Director (2012-2013), Director (2015-2020)

Center for Asian Pacific Studies, U of Oregon – Advisory Board member (since 2009)
Journal of Vietnamese Studies – Editorial Board member (2006-2014); Co-editor-in-chief (2009- 2011)
Philippine Political Science Journal – Editorial Board member (since 2012)
Korean Journal of International Studies (Seoul) - Editorial Board member (since 2014)
Southeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies – elected member (2010-2013),
Asia Division, Human Rights Watch – Advisory Board member (since 2011)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books:

The Dragon's Underbelly: Dynamics and Dilemmas of Vietnam's Economy and Politics (Singapore: ISEAS, 2022): coedited with Nhu Truong
Toward a Framework for Vietnamese American Studies: History, Community, and Memory (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2022): co-edited with Linda Ho Peche and Alex-Thai Vo.
Building a Republican Nation in Postcolonial Vietnam, 1920-1963 (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2022): co-edited with Nu-Anh Tran.
The Republic of Vietnam, 1955-1975: Vietnamese Perspectives on Nation-Building (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2020): co-edited with Sean Fear.
Vietnam's Communist Revolution: The Power and Limits of Ideology (Cambridge University Press, 2017).
Paths to Development in Asia: South Korea, Vietnam, China, and Indonesia (Cambridge University Press, 2010). Honorable Mention, Bernard Schwartz Award for Best Book on Asia in 2010, Asia Society, New York.
Dynamics of the Cold War in Asia: Ideology, Identity, and Culture (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009): coedited with Wasana Wongsurawat.
Southeast Asia in Political Science: Theory, Region, and Qualitative Methods (Stanford University Press, 2008): coedited with Erik Kuhonta and Dan Slater.

Refereed Journal Articles:

“The Legacies of Marx and Lenin in Vietnam: A Historical and Regional Perspective,” *Third World Quarterly* (2021), DOI: [10.1080/01436597.2020.1860744](https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2020.1860744)
“In the Service of World Revolution: Vietnamese Communist Vision and Ambition through the Three Indochina Wars.” *Journal of Cold War Studies* 21:4 (Fall 2019), 4-30.
“Revolution and World Order: The Case of the Islamic State (ISIS),” *International Politics* (published online in May 2019) (with Patrick Van Orden).
“The Revolutionary Path to State Formation in Vietnam: Opportunities, Conundrums, and Legacies.” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 11:3-4 (Fall 2016), 1-31.
“State Formation on China's Southern Frontier: Vietnam as a Shadow Empire and Hegemon.” *HumaNetten* n. 37 (December 2016), 39-65. Available at <https://open.lnu.se/index.php/hn/article/view/388/335>
“The Party v. the People: The Rise of Anti-China Nationalism in Contemporary Vietnam,” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 9: 4 (Fall 2014), 33-66.
“Triumphs or Tragedies: A New Perspective on the Vietnamese Revolution,” *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 45:2 (June 2014), 236-257.

- “Southeast Asia’s New Nationalism: Causes and Significance,” *TRaNS: Transnational and Regional Studies of Southeast Asia* 1:2 (July 2013), 259-279.
- “Epidemics as Political Processes with Case Studies from Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam,” *Global Health Governance Journal*, 4: 2 (Spring 2011), 1-22.
- “Studying the State through State Formation,” *World Politics* 62: 1 (January 2010), 148-175. Translated into Chinese and published in *Poliview* (WeChat), May 27, 2020.
- “The Vietnam War as a Vietnamese War: Agency and Society in the Study of the Second Indochina War,” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 4: 3 (October 2009), 1-16 (with Edward Miller).
- “It’s Time for the Indochinese Revolution to Show Its True Colors: The Radical Turn in Vietnamese Politics in 1948,” *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 40: 3 (October 2009), 519-542. Translated into Vietnamese and published in *Talawas*, Fall 2009.
- “Dreams of Paradise: The Making of a Soviet Outpost in Vietnam,” *Ab Imperio: Studies of New Imperial History and Nationalism in the Post-Soviet Space* no. 2 (August 2008), 255-285. Translated into French as “Rêves de paradis: un poste avancé soviétique au Vietnam,” in *Communisme 2013* (Paris, Vendémiaire, 2013), 77-108.
- “Vietnamese Political Studies and Debates on Vietnamese Nationalism,” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 2: 2 (August 2007), 175-230.
- “State Formation and the Origins of Developmental States in South Korea and Indonesia.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 41:4 (Winter 2007), pp. 27-56.
- “Contentious Mass Politics in Southeast Asia: Knowledge Accumulation and Cycles of Growth and Exhaustion.” *Theory and Society* 35:4 (August 2006), 393-419.
- “Workers and the Socialist State: North Vietnam’s State-Labor Relations, 1945-1970,” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 38 (September 2005), 329-356.
- “Of Rice and Revolution: The Politics of Provisioning and State-Society Relations on Java, 1945-1949,” *South East Asia Research*, 11:3 (November 2003), 237-267.

Selected Book Chapters

- “Revolutions as Transnational Events: The Russian Revolution and Vietnam,” in Sabine Dullin, Naoko Shimazu, Etienne Peyrat, and Rachel Lin, eds. *The Russian Revolution in Asia* (New York: Routledge, forthcoming).
- “State-Building and Democratization in Asia: The Sequencing Debate and Evidence from East Asia,” in Aurel Croissant and Olli Hellman, eds. *Stateness and Democracy in East Asia* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2020), 25-46.
- “Introduction,” with Sean Fear, in Tuong Vu and Sean Fear, eds. *The Republic of Vietnam, 1955-1975: Vietnamese Perspectives on Nation-Building* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2020), 1-12.
- “The Making and Unmaking of the Communist Party and Single-Party System in Vietnam,” in Allen Hicken and Erik Kuhonta, eds., *Party System Institutionalization in Asia: Democracies, Autocracies, and the Shadows of the Past* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015), 136-161.
- “Workers under Communism: Romance and Reality,” in S. A. Smith, ed., *Oxford Handbook on the History of Communism* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014), 471-487.
- “Socialism and Underdevelopment in Southeast Asia,” in Norman Owen, ed., *Handbook of Southeast Asian History* (New York: Routledge, 2013), 188-198.
- “Unhappy Nations: The Evolution of Modern Korea and Vietnam,” in *Asia’s Middle Powers?*

The Identity and Regional Policy of South Korea and Vietnam, eds. Joon-Woo Park, Gi-Wook Shin and Donald Keyser (Stanford/Washington, DC: The Walter Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Center and the Brookings Institution, 2013), 153-173.

“Politics, Power and Accountability: Vietnam’s Response to Avian Influenza,” in Ian Scoones, ed., *Avian Influenza: Science, Policy and Politics* (London: Earthscan, 2010).

“Indonesia’s Agrarian Movement: Anti-Capitalism at a Crossroads,” in Dominique Caouette and Sarah Turner, eds. *Agrarian Angst and Resistance in Southeast Asia*, 180-205 (New York: Routledge, 2009).

“From Cheering to Volunteering: Vietnamese Communists and the Arrival of the Cold War 1940-1951,” in Christopher Goscha and Christian Ostermann, eds. *Connecting Histories: The Cold War and Decolonization in Asia (1945-1962)*, 172-204 (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2009).

Others

“Vietnam and China: Balancing Geography and History,” *YaleGlobal*, August 24, 2017.

<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/vietnam-and-china-balancing-geography-and-history>

“Vietnam’s Misunderstood Revolution,” June 19, 2017. *Sources and Methods*, Wilson Center

<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/blog-post/vietnams-misunderstood-revolution>

“The U.S. Isn’t the Only Country Still Trying to Figure out the Vietnam War,” April 20, 2015.

History News Network, <http://historynewsnetwork.org/article/159046>

“Vietnam: Country at the Crossroads,” Freedom House Organization, 2012.

“Van Kien Dang Toan Tap: The Regime’s Gamble and Researchers’ Gains,” *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 5: 2 (June 2010), 183-194.

ONGOING PROJECTS

War and Society in South Vietnam: Crises, Opportunities, and Diasporic Legacies. Edited volume (with Trinh Luu), under review.

Revolutionary Ruptures: How World Order Transcends Communist and Islamist Revolutions Book project.

The Imperial Origins of States: Europe and Pacific Asia, 200 B.C.E.-1990 A.D. Book project.

“The Other Green Revolution: Capitalism, the Secular State, and the Islamization of Indonesia”: Article under revision.

RECENT AWARDS AND GRANTS

Faculty Excellence Award, University of Oregon, 2018

Co-Principal Investigator, Oregon-Japan-Vietnam Collaboration and Exchange Project, funded by the Japan Foundation (\$300,000), 2017-2020

Conference Grant (\$18,000), University of Oregon, 2014

Democracy and Development Research Fellowship, Princeton University, 2011

Honorable Mention, Bernard Schwartz Award for Best Book on Asia in 2010, Asia Society, NY

Conference Grant (\$22,000), Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 2008

Asia Research Institute Visiting Fellowship, National University of Singapore, 2007

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS (LAST FIVE YEARS)

2021

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Seattle, September
University of Bonn, Germany, June (virtual).
Stanford University, May (virtual).
Portland Community College, May (virtual).
Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference, April (virtual).
Oregon-Vietnam Partnership, April (virtual).

2020

ISEAS - Ishak Yusof Institute, Singapore, September (virtual).
American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September (virtual).
Western American Political Science Association Conference, April (virtual).
Kent State University, Ohio, February.
Naval War College, Rhode Island, February.

2019

Beijing University, Beijing, November.
University of Oregon, October.
McGill University, Montreal, October.
Palacky University, Olomouc, Czechia, June.
US government, Washington, DC, January.

2018

Leiden University, Leiden, November.
London School of Economics and Political Science, London, October.
National Archives, Washington, DC, September.
National Endowments for Humanities, July.
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Meeting, Philadelphia, June
Harvard University, April.
Texas A&M University, College Station, April.
Willamette University, March.

2017

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, September
Portland Community College, Portland, August
Department of Defense, Washington, D.C., June
International Conference on Asian Studies, Chiang Mai, Thailand, July
International Conference on Thai Studies, Chiang Mai, Thailand, July
Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast, Willamette University, Salem, OR, June
Occidental College, Los Angeles, April
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, April
University of Hanoi, March

MEDIA INTERVIEWS (LAST FIVE YEARS)

The Wall Street Journal, September 30, 2021

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/covid-19-factory-closures-prompt-some-u-s-businesses-to-rethinkvietnam-11633014618>

The New York Times, February 01, 2021

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/01/world/asia/vietnam-party-congress.html>

The Nikkei Review (Tokyo), February 01, 2021

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Politics/Vietnam-top-communist-Trong-s-3rd-term-heralds-next-leader-race>

Associated Press/*The Washington Post*, January 24, 2021

https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/ruling-communist-party-to-set-vietnams-course-this-week/2021/01/24/42ab121e-5ebe-11eb-a177-7765f29a9524_story.html

De Volkskrant (Amsterdam), January 24, 2021

<https://www.volkskrant.nl/nieuws-achtergrond/vietnam-is-een-keurige-dictatuur-hoe-spelen-ze-dat-klaar~bad22eae/>

The Economist, January 21, 2021

<https://www.economist.com/asia/2021/01/21/vietnams-communist-party-is-in-a-weaker-position-than-it-seems>

The Economist, May 21, 2020.

<https://www.economist.com/asia/2020/05/21/vietnams-secretive-communist-party-embarks-on-a-leadership-transition>

The Economist, December 12, 2019.

<https://www.economist.com/asia/2019/12/14/the-vietnamese-football-club-that-defies-china>

The Slovak Spectator, August 22, 2018.

<https://spectator.sme.sk/c/20897969/political-scientist-vu-kidnapped-thanh-openly-challenged-the-regime.html>

The Washington Post, August 13, 2018.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/bui-tin-vietnamese-communist-soldier-turned-dissident-dies-at-90/2018/08/13/7a8cf460-9f06-11e8-83d2-70203b8d7b44_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.a82b3c0c6a5a

The New York Times, August 13, 2018.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/13/obituaries/bui-tin-vietnam-dead.html>

Deutsche Well International (DWI-Berlin), August 3, 2017.

<http://www.dw.com/en/vietnam-denies-germanys-kidnap-claim/av-39955618>

Bloomberg News Service, May 24, 2016.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2016-05-24/obama-turns-attention-to-rights-in-vietnam-after-lifting-embargo>

The Strait Times, February 2, 2016.

<http://www.straittimes.com/asia/se-asia/vietnam-will-continue-economic-reforms>

Voice of America, January 28, 2016.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/vietnam-retains-communist-leader-elects-first-female-assembly-chair/3166148.html>

The New York Times, January 28, 2016.

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/28/world/asia/vietnam-communist-party-nguyen-phu-trong.html?_r=0

Wiener Zeitung, August 23, 2015.

http://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/welt/weltpolitik/?em_cnt=770117

Bloomberg News Service, May 13, 2015.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-05-13/vietnam-turns-to-u-s-to-buy-weapons-40-years-after-war-s-end>

Agence France-Presse (AFP), April 30, 2015.

<http://www.afp.com/es/news/3426318/>

The Huffington Post, February 5, 2015.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/02/05/obama-worker-rights_n_6615974.html

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